

What other options do I have for training?

Army Regulation 385-10 requires Soldier riders to undergo hands-on Motorcycle Refresher Training if deployed more than 180 days. Riders may also use MRT to refresh and hone basic maneuvers on their own motorcycles after extended periods of not riding due to environmental factors. Commanders/leaders can also use the MRT to review licensing, training, insurance, PPE and serviceability of the rider's motorcycle. Sample exercise videos are available at <https://safety.army.mil/mmp/training.aspx>.

I currently have an MMP. What should I do to ensure the program's success?

Command support is essential for an effective MMP. Leaders should encourage higher-level MMP participation (brigade, installation). Creativity, innovation and feedback from riders also play an important role when making plans for meetings or events. Leaders should encourage riders to meet and ride frequently, as interaction fosters a safe riding culture and provides an opportunity for mentors and riders to discuss issues, trends and dangerous riding locations, as well as review each other's programs.

Check out the resources below for more information on motorcycle mentorship.

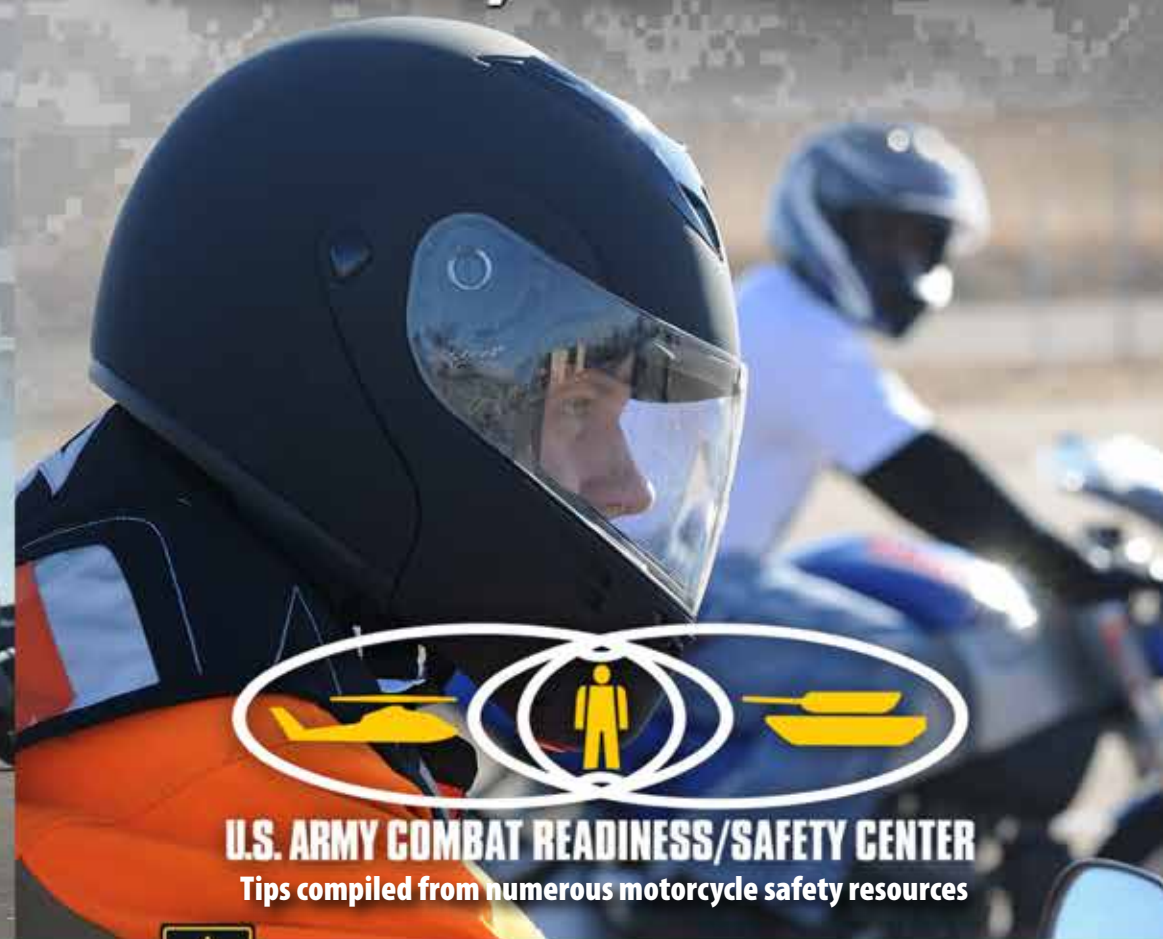
**U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center
Motorcycle Mentorship Program website**
<https://safety.army.mil/mmp/default.aspx>

**Defense Safety Oversight Council Mentorship Modules,
Intro to Group Riding, Module 7**
https://safety.army.mil/mmp/DSOC_training.aspx

**Motorcycle Safety Foundation – Quick Tips:
MSF's Guide to Group Riding**
http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Group_Ride.pdf

**Refer to the Motorcycle Basics for Non-Riding Leaders Guide*

Leader's Guide for Selecting a Motorcycle Mentor



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Tips compiled from numerous motorcycle safety resources



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earned through training and discipline!**



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PURPOSE

To provide leaders information on how to select a mentor and aid in promoting safe and responsible motorcycle riding within the organization. A mentor is an influential advisor who assists both the organization's leaders and riders. A mentor who focuses on improving and sustaining motorcycle safety will guide new riders through their transition from novice to more experienced rider through teaching, training and coaching.

Mentors, when supported and encouraged by the command, can influence a safe riding culture in the organization. It also serves as a force multiplier that enhances readiness through accident prevention.

Motorcycle mentors can pass their knowledge to less experienced riders and help them improve skills, maintain their motorcycle and share a common appreciation of safe motorcycle riding.

Below are some key questions unit leaders should ask regarding motorcycle mentors and the MMP.

Is there an Army requirement to have an MMP?

No, but it is highly encouraged. A commander should determine current needs based on ridership in the unit.

Should I organize an MMP if I have only a few riders in my unit?

If you do not have enough riders to form your own MMP, partner with a sister unit or organization, or even another service. There is no standard MMP model that fits every location or organization. However, not having an MMP in your organization does not alleviate a leader's responsibility for meeting all motorcycle requirements per AR 385-10 chapters 11-7 and 11-9.

What should I consider when selecting a mentor?

There are general guidelines to follow when selecting a mentor. The mentor should:

- Be licensed and current with Army requirements
- Ride on a frequent or routine basis
- Have several years of varied riding experience (types of motorcycles [sport, cruiser, touring, dirt], environment [city, country, hills, weather])
- Be committed to reducing motorcycle accidents
- Possess good communication skills
- Want to be a mentor
- Age and rank should not be the sole criteria when selecting the best motorcycle mentor. ***Riding experience and motorcycle knowledge are far more important.****

What are some questions I should ask when interviewing a mentor candidate?

Leaders should ask the following questions when interviewing a prospective motorcycle mentor:

- Do you believe in the MMP concept?
- How many years have you had a motorcycle license/endorsement?
- Have you received a ticket for a moving violation within the last five years?
- Has your license ever been suspended or evoked? If so, why?
- What are the Army regulatory requirements for training and PPE wear?
- Did you ride a motorcycle as a child/teenager? (Off-road experience may enhance street riding skills.)
- What type of riding do you currently do — street, touring, dirt, commuting, other? (A fair weather rider may not possess the skills needed to mentor a less experienced rider.)

Are there safety training plans available for my MMP?

Yes. The MMP website (see links on last page) contains the Defense Safety Oversight Council's Mentorship Modules. These 36 modules cover a wide range of motorcycle safety topics and were developed by joint service motorcycle safety program managers using the most current information available from the motorcycle industry.

Is there a need for a rider coach in my MMP?

No. A rider coach is not required for credentialing as a mentor in an MMP. A rider coach conducts training on a certified motorcycle range and must complete at least two courses in a two-year period. That seems like a small number to complete, but when you take into account training exercises, deployments and availability to assist at an established range, it can be a difficult task to complete.

How is the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's RiderCoach Preparation Course funded?

Funding is the responsibility of the unit or rider, if he or she desires to become a rider coach.

How long is the course?

The course is approximately 65 hours long (seven to 10 days). Courses are scheduled on an as-needed basis and often require travel.

How can I find out when/where a course will be offered?

Many programs provide the MSF with schedules of their preparation courses. If one isn't available locally, the MSF can provide you with a contact in your area.



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